

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Decoding facilities for Cockpit Voice Recorders are available for all types of aircrafts with Indian Airlines and Air India. Decoding facilities for Digital Flight Data Recorders are not yet available for A-310 with Air India and for A-320 with Indian Airlines. Setting up of decoding facilities is not part of the contract for purchase of aircraft.

More Trains to Kerala from New Delhi and Bombay

1946. SHRI P. C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to provide more trains to Kerala from New Delhi and Bombay during the festival seasons of Onam, Christmas, Ramzan and during the summer holidays in view of heavy rush of passengers during these days;

(b) whether there is any proposal to replace old and dilapidated boggies in Kerala Express, Madras Mail, Jayanti Janata (Bombay) and other trains to Kerala; and

(c) if so, when the above proposals are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) In order to clear extra rush of traffic, special trains to the extent justified and feasible will be run to and from Kerala during festivals and summer season. No dilapidated coaches are running in trains to/from Kerala.

Conversion of Yelahanka and Bangarpet line

1947. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received representations for the

conversion of Yelahanka-Bangarpet narrow gauge line; and

(b) if so, reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project was not found to be financially remunerative and is not proposed to be taken up.

[Translation]

Strictness in Ticket Checking

1948. SHRI BHOGENRAD JHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given on July 16, 1991 to the Unstarred Question No. 209 regarding unauthorised collection of money from trains running from Samastipur and state:

(a) whether extra money is being extorted from commuters particularly women who carry their goods in baskets and bags for sale in the said five trains and other trains running on the same routes and whether the system of purchasing tickets has been discontinued;

(b) if so, steps being taken in this regard; and

(c) the time by which strictness in ticket checking in these trains and particularly those running between Jainagar and Narakatyaganj will be observed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Regular checks are being conducted against ticketless/irregular travelling in these sections.